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SIGN THE CONTRACT

—PART 1—

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ONLY ONE POINT TO GO!
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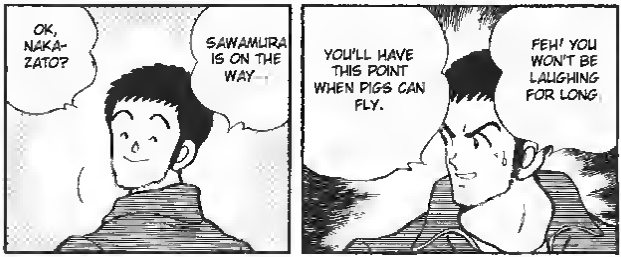
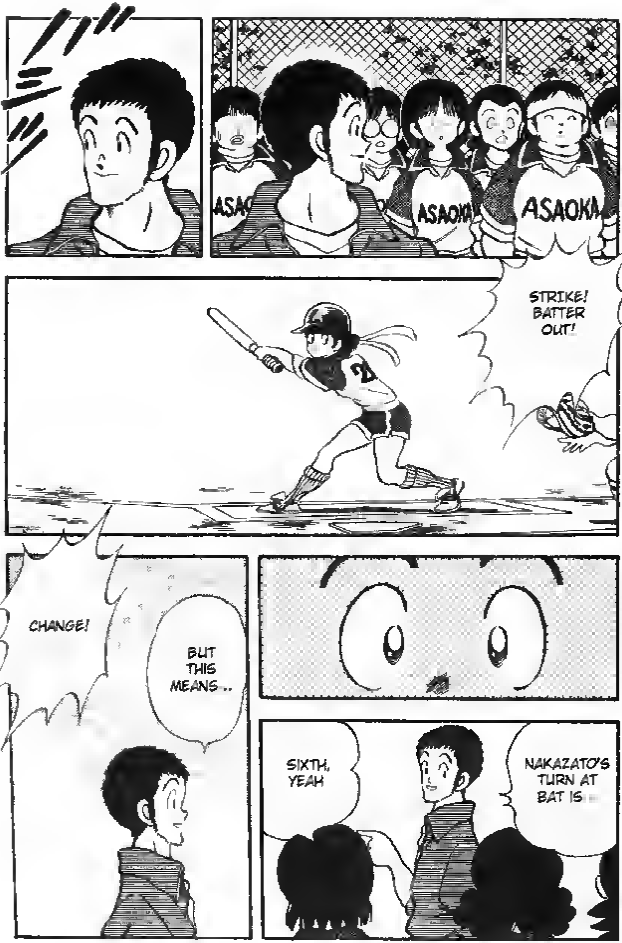

OK, NAKAZATO?
SAWAMURA IS ON THE WAY—!
YOU'LL HAVE THIS POINT WHEN PIGS CAN FLY.
FEH! YOU WON'T BE LAUGHING FOR LONG!


ASAOKA
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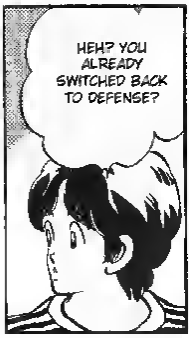
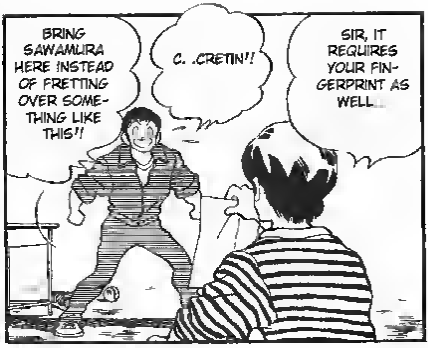
STRIKE! BATTER OUT!
CHANGE!
BUT THIS MEANS...
SIXTH, YEAH
NAKAZATO'S TURN AT BAT IS

A... AKIBAAAAAAAA!!
ONE POINT MORE, JUST A MERE POINT MORE


HEH? YOU ALREADY SWITCHED BACK TO DEFENSE?

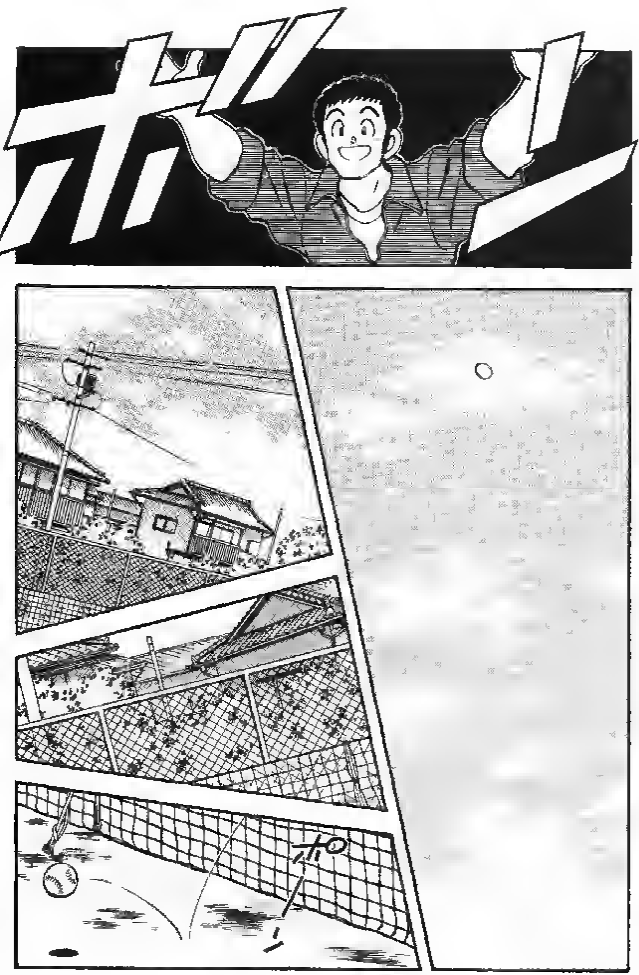

BRING SAWAMURA HERE INSTEAD OF FRETTING OVER SOMETHING LIKE THIS!!
C. .CRETIN!!
SIR, IT REQUIRES YOUR FINGERPRINT AS WELL...

WHERE IS SAWAMURA ?!!
OK, DEAL

THERE! BUT IF WE LOSE THIS MATCH BY MORE THAN FIVE POINTS, THIS CONTRACT IS NULL AND VOID, GOT THAT?!

TIME!
TIME!

SHOULD I GO IN POSITION RIGHT AWAY?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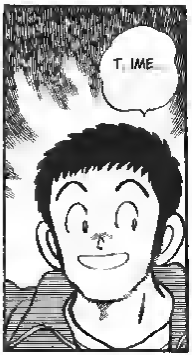
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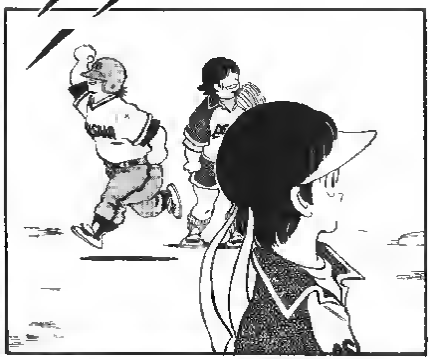

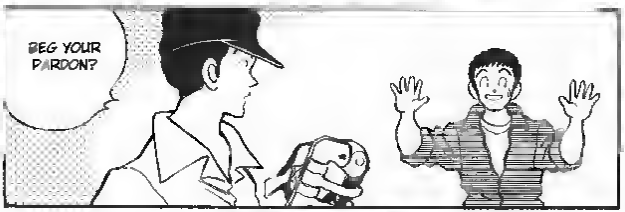
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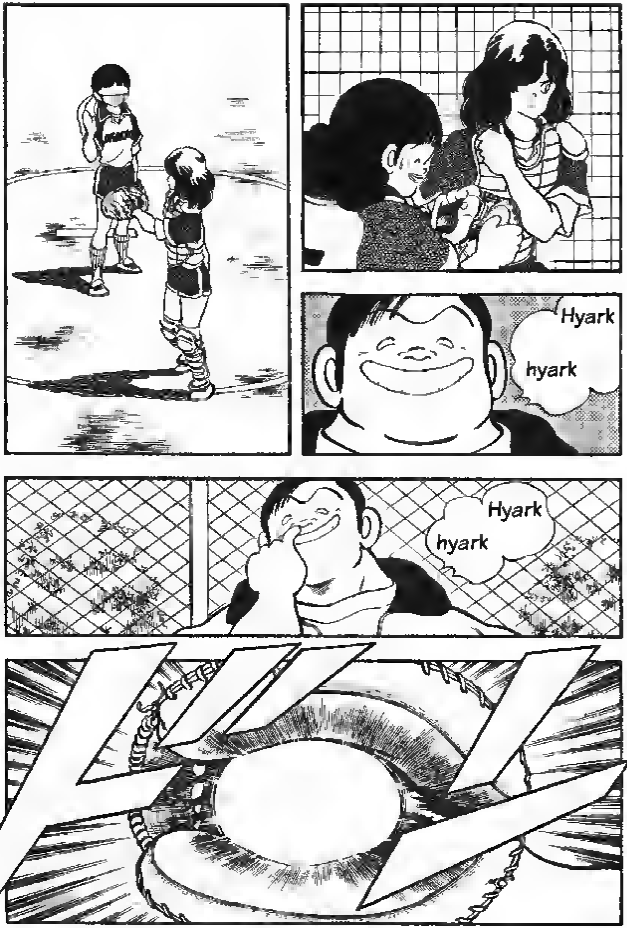
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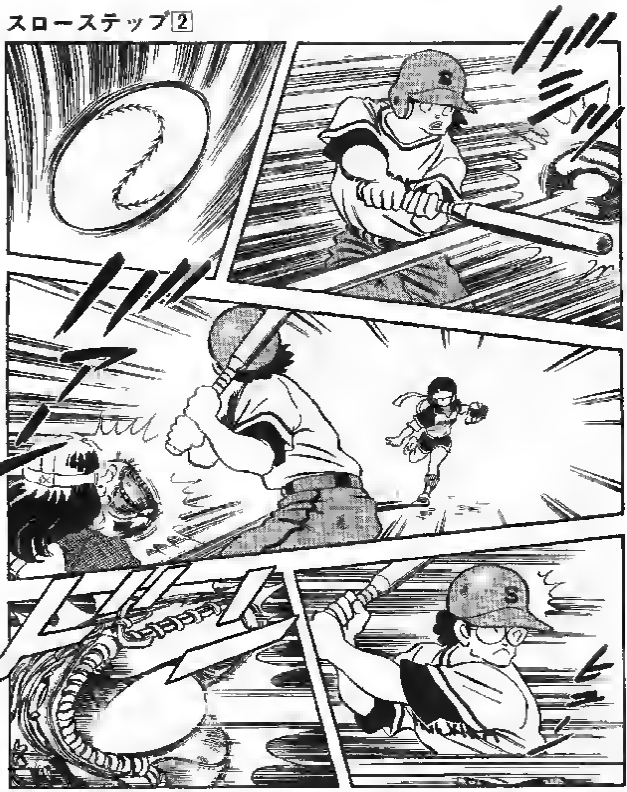
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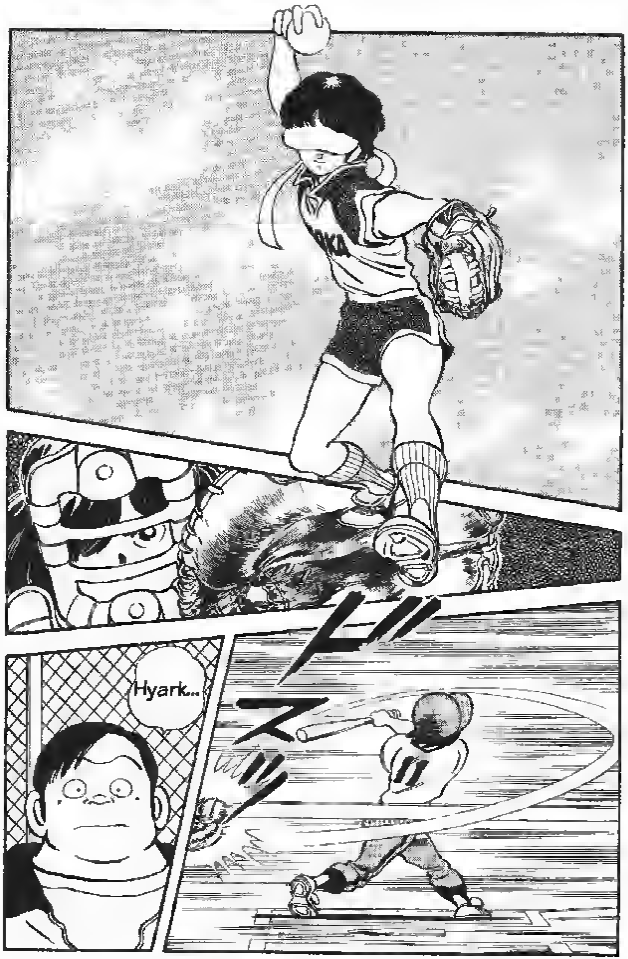
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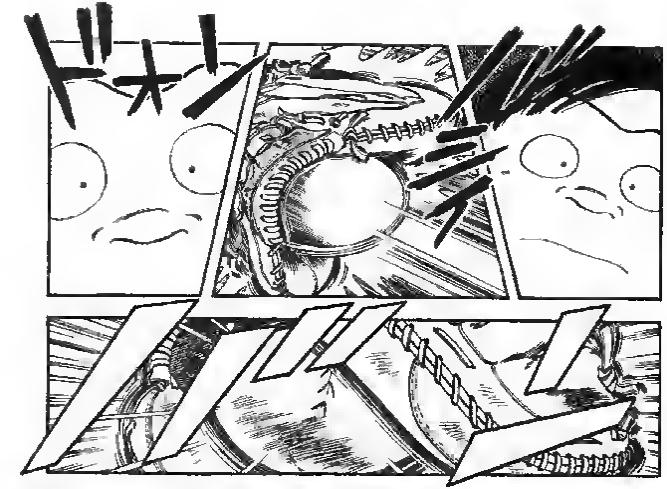
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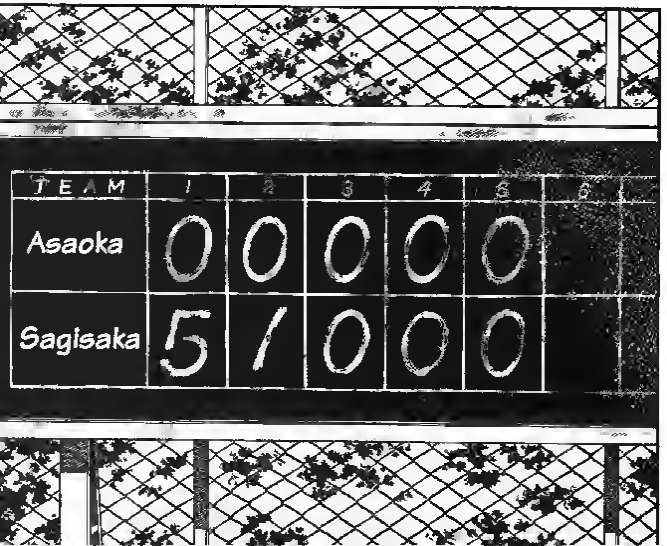
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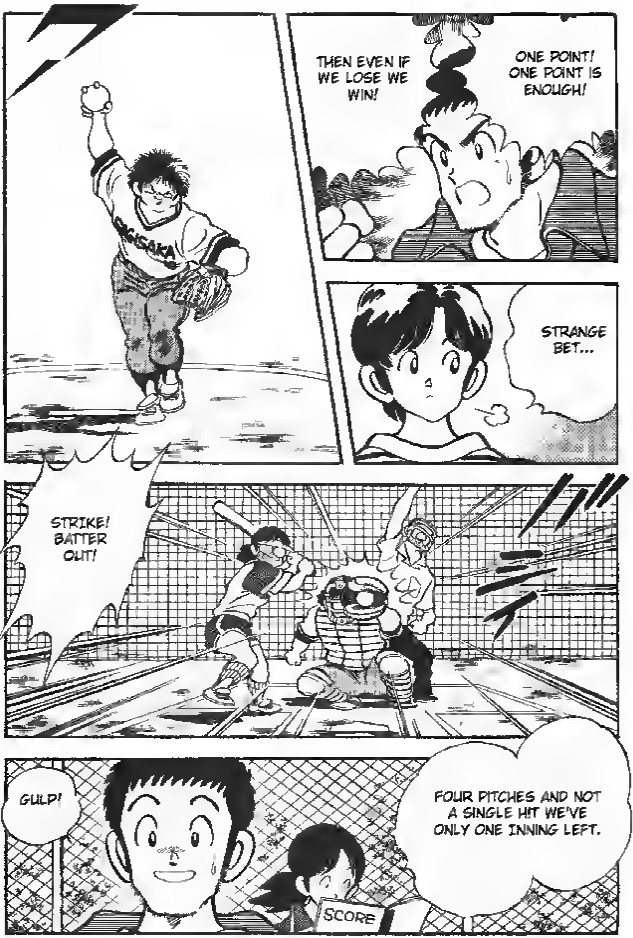
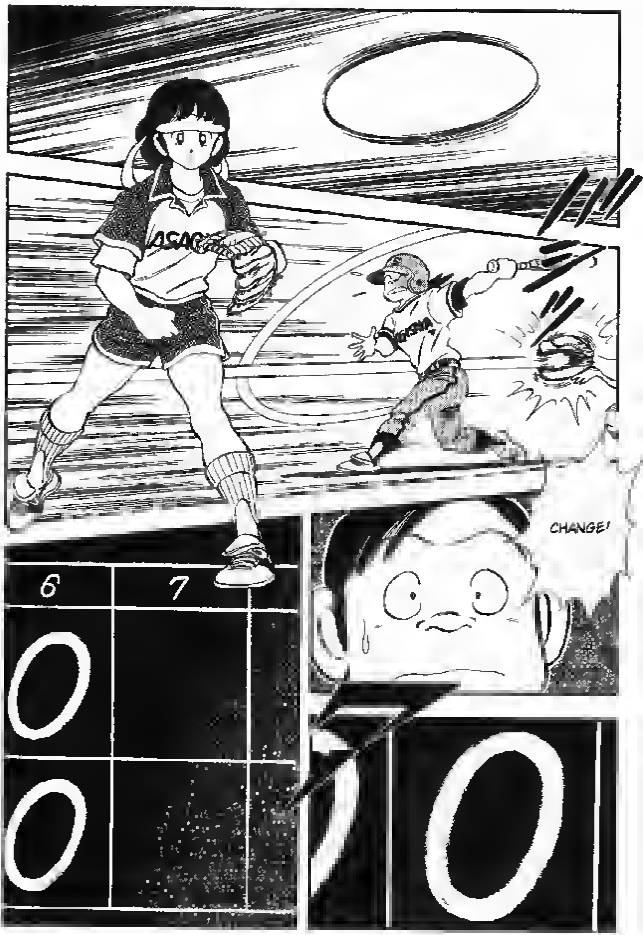

THEN EVEN IF WE LOSE WE WIN!
ONE POINT! ONE POINT IS ENOUGH!
STRANGE BET...
STRIKE! BATTER OUT!
GULP!
FOUR PITCHES AND NOT A SINGLE HIT WE'VE ONLY ONE INNING LEFT.
SCORE


CHANGE!
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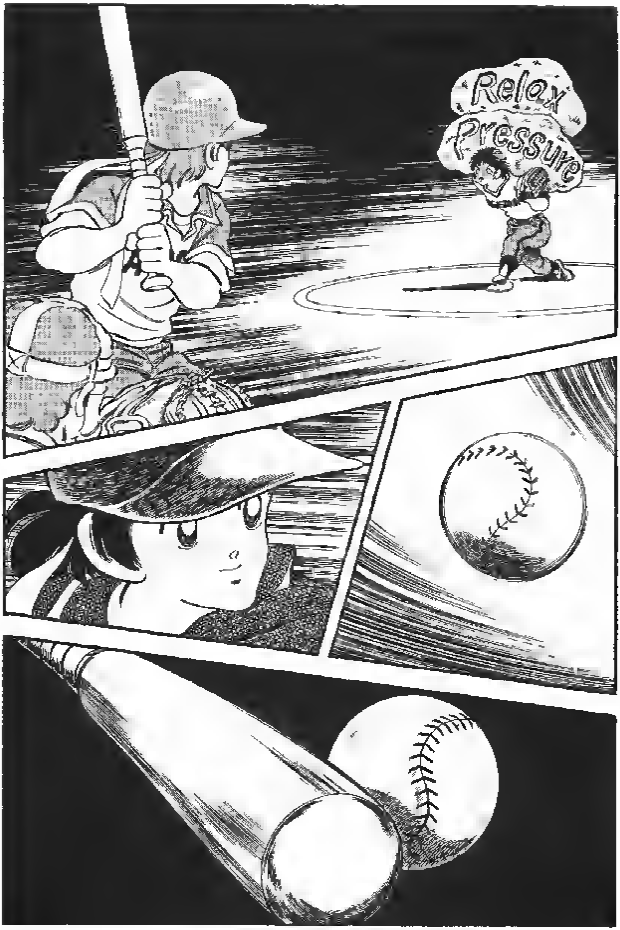
REMEMBER, NO POINT, NO DATE
TAKE ONE BASE AT LEAST!
I'M BEGGING YOU, SAWAMURA!
SUCH DETERMINATION!
YEAH!

ONE OUT, TWO ON BASE!
THE BALL IS FAIR!
BUNT...
DOMO
Pressure
ITS AN ORDER
HEY PITCHER! THEY MUST NOT HAVE THIS POINT! YOU HEAR ME?

HEH?
DEAD BALL!
WHO COULD HAVE TOLD SHE'D LOSE IT SO EASILY, WHEN LOOKING AT HER?
WHEN I JOINED THE CLUB, THE COACH TOLD ME THAT IF I BATTED LIKE THAT, IT'D REDUCE MY DISTANCE TO THE BASES.
SO WHY ARE YOU BATTING LIKE YOU'RE RIGHT HANDED?
THAT'S ODD... I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE LEFT HANDED... AREN'T YOU?
I AM...
HEY..
HUUUH? ARE YOU SURE I SAID THAT?

YESSSSSSSS! ONE OUT AND ALL BASES OCCUPIED! WE CAN DO IT! WE CAN WIN THE BET!
BALL FOUR!
OK THEN, DO YOU WANT ME TO REVERSE MY GRIP?
NAKAZATO, ONE POINT! ONE POINT AT LEAST, I'M BEGGING YOU!
Relax
Pressure
FORGIVE ME FOR GIVING YOU THIS ORDER-- RELAX RELAX!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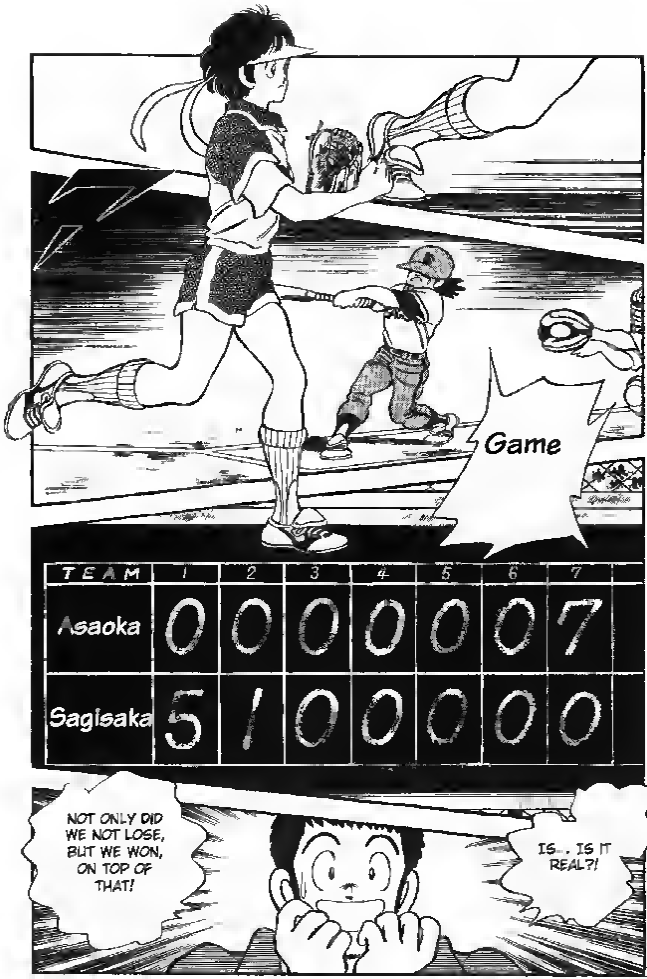
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NOT ONLY DID WE NOT LOSE, BUT WE WON, ON TOP OF THAT!
IS.. IS IT REAL?!

YOU REALIZED, RIGHT, SEMPAI?
THIS WAS NOT MY BEST PITCHER
HE HE..
IT'S FOR REAL!
WE... WE WON!
WE WON!
I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY BEST PITCHER, CHIAKI KOMATSUOKA
SAGISAKA
COME ON, NOW WE'LL SHOW YOU OUR STRENGTH
HEH
SAY
HEH? FOR REAL?
WE WON!